

## House Resolution 657

By: Representatives Jackson of the 161<sup>st</sup>, Bryant of the 160<sup>th</sup>, and Williams of the 165<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Reverend J. Bernard Kent, Sr.; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, on August 18, 2004, Our Brother's Keeper in Savannah held an awards  
3 ceremony to recognize and honor men and women who helped compile an unparalleled  
4 legacy of more than 40 years of good works and service rendered to the community; and

5 WHEREAS, among the honorees was Reverend J. Bernard Kent, Sr., who was born in  
6 Dover, Georgia, and who received the call to the ministry in 1939 at the age of 19; and

7 WHEREAS, he attended Bryant Theological Seminary and began his pastorate at Saint  
8 Matthew Baptist Church in Millen, Georgia, and over the next 49 years he served the Lord  
9 in numerous churches, ending his formal ministry in 1990 after serving for ten years as pastor  
10 of Saint Matthew Baptist Church in Springfield, Georgia; and

11 WHEREAS, his many years of dedicated service in the Lord's name earned him the love of  
12 not only his own flock but of citizens of all persuasions, who knew him to be a loving and  
13 kind-hearted person always willing to go the extra mile with anyone who needed his help;  
14 and

15 WHEREAS, he is married to Mrs. Luden Miller of Ogeechee, Georgia, and has three  
16 children, Bernard, Jr., Elise, and Bettie.

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
18 the members of this body recognize Reverend J. Bernard Kent, Sr., as a giant of community  
19 service and commend his many years of action on behalf of his fellows.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
2 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Reverend J. Bernard Kent,  
3 Sr.